



**YALSA Board of Directors Meeting
January 15, 2024 2:30-3:30pm CST***

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AGENDA* – as of 1/15/2024 (learn more about board [agendas](#) and [documents](#))

Present: Colleen Seisser President, Kate Denier Secretary, Elizabeth Nebeker Division Councilor, Alena Rivers- Acting Executive Director, Kim Dare Director, Matthew Layne Director, Melissa Malanuk Director, Victoria Finney Director, Crystal Chen Director, Gail Tobin Ex-Officio, Caroline Aversano Ex-Officio, Emily Heddleson Ex-Officio, Ziba Perez YALSA Liaison

Absent: Franklin Escobedo Immediate Past President, Yvette Garcia President-Elect, Traci Glass Ex-Officio, Meaghan Darling Fiscal Officer, Katrina Ortega Director, Josie Andrews Director

Guests: Sam Helmick, Ray Pun, Stephanie Charlefour

Call to Order – C. Seisser, 2:32PM CST

Information Forum – 5 minutes are allotted at the beginning of each session for visitors and board members to share news or ask questions.

Adoption of the Agenda with Flexibility – **All in Favor**

Consent Items (these are typically items discussed or acted on in between in-person meetings or are reports submitted for the board's review)

A. Approval of previous meeting minutes: [YALSA Board Meeting Agenda December 2023.pdf](#)
Adoption of Consent Calendar – **All in Favor**

New Business

A. Meet the ALA President-Elect Candidates: Ray Pun

--R. Pun introduced himself to the group and let us know his background and how libraries have impacted his life. --R. Pun told us what his priorities and vision would be as ALA President 2025-2026: Support and showcase library workers as they confront unprecedented challenges and conditions, Build stronger working relationships between ALA and its chapters and affiliates, Expand ALA's engagement in the international library community. --R. Pun says he would prioritize what to do based on the issues we were facing. He also notes membership recruitment is important and so is engaging with affiliates and international members. He wants to highlight what groups are doing in order to engage with members. He wants to create membership, suggests open houses being a good way to promote what we are doing (like the YALSA Silent Auction) so people can hear what we are working on and so we can engage with members. He also noted showing the value of membership is needed. --For more information about R. Pun, you can go to his website: <https://www.raypun.info/>

Reports

A. YALSA Executive Director

--A. Rivers reports she is getting ready for LLX and reminds us that the YMAS will be on Monday. They will be livestreamed for those who cannot attend in person. This will be her focus between now and the end of the next week. --A. Rivers says our budget time comes after LLX ends. The software will open up to work on the budget and this time period runs through March 1, 2024. She will start digging in to preparing our FY25 Budget and will make note of things we need to keep in mind. --A. River is also working to prepare for Annual and making sure we are keeping up with deadlines.

--E. Nebeker notes that she's heard people say things like, "I hope they pronounce names correctly at the Youth Media Awards this year." A. Rivers said they are very aware of this and are making a strong effort to make this happen. They are working with publishers to get pronunciations and there will be an emcee training. --K. Dare asks if there will be a YALSA Booth on the exhibit floor. A. Rivers says no and that many divisions are no longer doing this. She is looking into ways we can engage with members at Annual. --E. Heddleson tell us about an author and illustrator pronunciation guide on TeachingBooks.net. The guide can be found [here](#).

B. Executive Committee Report

--Tabled this month since the Executive Committee did not meet in December.

--The Executive Committee will be moving to a quarterly schedule after our January 29, 2024 meeting. We can meet more often if needed.

C. Financial Advancement Chair

--G. Tobin says FAC did not do much over the holidays but she will be in contact with A. Rivers.

D. YALSA's ALA Liaison

--Z. Perez gave her report which can be found [here](#). She highlighted joining ALA's Bridging Deaf Cultures (BDC) General Member Meeting and attending the BARC Meeting. --Z. Perez will be at LLX.

E. Executive Board Liaison

--S. Helmick says there will be a hybrid Membership Meeting at Annual 2024 again. --Current board actions can be seen [here](#). --S. Helmick also says they are looking at doing something at the Library of Congress for Banned Book Week.

Old Business

A. Update regarding operating agreement overhead scenarios timeline

--C. Seisser says there is a new timeline for the overhead cost work. From now until May 2024, ALA Finance will be updating the 4 scenarios and will be inputting data with FY22 and FY23 actual numbers and the FY24 budgeted data. This should be a more accurate way for us to look at it and understand what the cost would be for YALSA. In June and July, we will have the chance to give feedback on the scenarios. In July and August, they will make a final recommendation for the scenario that would work best for ALA. In September, the final recommendation will be shared with divisions, roundtables and revenue producing units. It would go into effect for the FY26 fiscal year. -C. Seisser reminds us that ALA's budget year runs from September 1st-August 31st.

Adjournment

Adjournment – **All in favor.** Adjourned the meeting at 3:08pm CST.

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